

## January 30, 2023

The City of Baltimore's Rental Assistance Program will be ending the current application period and closing its Rental Assistance Program application portal to new applications on February 3, 2023. The Rental Assistance Program will continue to process applications that have been submitted prior to this date in accordance with the Emergency Rental Assistance program (ERA) prioritization requirements as long as funding is available.

The City's Rental Assistance Program represents the local administration of the federal Emergency Rental Assistance program, which provides assistance to households that have been impacted due to or during the COVID-19 pandemic and requires the prioritization of assistance for households that earn below 50% of the area median income, or one or more members of the household are unemployed and have been for 90 days or more.

Additionally, the City considers eviction status when assigning cases for processing. Applications submitted by February 3, 2023 will be prioritized according to household income, housing instability status, then in order of receipt. The City of Baltimore is working to expand partnerships to increase processing speed and capacity.

In an effort to acquire additional funding for this very important work, the City is applying to the U.S. Department of the Treasury to request reallocated eviction prevention funds. We also will work to connect residents to additional resources from community organizations and programs that can provide rental assistance on a case by case basis.

Applicants can visit <a href="https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/ERAP-BALTIMOREMD">https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/ERAP-BALTIMOREMD</a> to check their application status.

More information can be found online at www.bmorechildren.com